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NEW WATERFOWL IDENTIFICATION GUIDE AVAILABLE

A completely revised full-color waterfowl guide illustrating all the major species of ducks and geese in their fall migration plumages has been published by the Department of the Interior's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The pocket-sized handbook, "Ducks at a Distance," is illustrated by noted Fish and Wildlife Service artist Bob Hines and offers invaluable identification clues that are missing in many other field guides that show only mating plumages.

The booklet will be most useful to hunters, although it will also be valuable to conservationists, naturalists, technicians, wildlife managers, educators, and everyone who enjoys a bird walk in the autumn. The new waterfowl guide was developed by the Fish and Wildlife Service as a waterfowl conservation aid. Hunters want the guide to improve their skills identifying ducks and geese. In addition to assisting in the protection of ducks and geese from hunter's error, "Ducks at a Distance" will enrich almost any reader's knowledge about a natural resource of exquisite beauty and grace. The guide can also be especially helpful in conservation education and in interpretive programs.

The 52-page booklet contains a wealth of information on waterfowl species such as shapes, colors, flight patterns, voices, relative sizes, behavior, and flock formations. The handbook can fill an important place in wildlife management and enforcement programs.

The booklet is available at a \$1.80 a copy from the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20240. There is a 25 percent discount on orders of more than 100 copies delivered to one address.

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